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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:)
FAIRFIELD SENTRY LIMITED, et al.,) Chapter 15 Case
	Case No: 10-13164 (SMB)
Debtors in Foreign Proceedings.) Laintly Administance
) Jointly Administered
FAIRFIELD SENTRY LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION), et al.,)
Plaintiffs,) Adv. Pro. No. 10-03496
-against-	
THEODOOR GGC AMSTERDAM, et al.,) Administratively
) Consolidated
Defendants.)
FAIRFIELD SENTRY LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION), et al.,)
Plaintiffs,) Adv. Pro. No. 10-03635
-against-	
ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.,))
Defendants.	<i>)</i>)

FAIRFIELD SENTRY LTD. (IN LIQUIDATION), et al.,		,)
	Plaintiffs,) Adv. Pro. No. 10-0363
-against-)
ABN AMRO Schweiz AG, et al.,)
Defe	endants.)

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES' MEMORANDUM OF LAW
IN OPPOSITION TO JOINDER OF BANCA ARNER SA IN THE
CONSOLIDATED MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND AND IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION
TO DISMISS AND SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF AND IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF
FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND COMPLAINTS

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Kenneth M. Krys and Charlotte Caulfield (together, the "Liquidators" or "Foreign Representatives"), in their capacities as the duly appointed Liquidators and Foreign Representatives of Fairfield Sentry Limited (In Liquidation) ("Sentry"), Fairfield Sigma Limited (In Liquidation) ("Sigma"), and Fairfield Lambda Limited (In Liquidation) ("Lambda," and together with Sentry and Sigma, the "Funds") in the consolidated adversary proceedings (the "Redeemer Actions"), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this memorandum of law in opposition to the: (i) Joinder of Banca Arner SA in the Consolidated Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion For Leave to Amend and in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss and Supplemental Brief ("Banca Arner's Joinder and Supplemental MTD"); and (ii) Declaration of Francesco Fierli ("Fierli Declaration"), and in further support of the Foreign Representatives' motion for leave to amend the complaints in the Redeemer Actions (the "Motion to Amend"). In opposition to Banca Arner's Joinder and Supplemental MTD and in support of the Motion to Amend, the Liquidators state as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

As detailed in the Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, Banca Arner SA ("Banca Arner")² consented to this Court's jurisdiction over them in the Subscription Agreements, which broadly covers claims—like these—which are "with respect to" the Subscription Agreements and the Funds. Furthermore, Banca Arner purposefully availed itself of the privilege of doing business

Capitalized terms used by not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Foreign Representative's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendants' Consolidated Memorandum of Law and in Further Support of Foreign Representatives' Motion for Leave to Amend Complaints, dated Mar. 31, 2017 (Adv. Pro. 10-03496, Dkt. No. 1336).

As alleged in the proposed Fourth Amended Complaints, upon information and belief, Defendant is a customer of the registered shareholder. *See* Proposed Fourth Amended Complaint, ¶¶ 14, 37 (Adv. Pro. 10-3635); Proposed Fourth Amended Complaint, ¶¶ 14, 40 (Adv. Pro. 10-3636).

in this forum by investing in the Madoff feeder funds and by designating a U.S. correspondent bank to effectuate investments and redemptions.

Additionally, Banca Arner's argument that service was improper is similarly meritless. Banca Arner consented to service of process by mail in the Subscription Agreement, and the Liquidators served Banca Arner in compliance with that provision. Thus, service was effective for purposes of federal law.

ARGUMENT

I. <u>Incorporation Of The Liquidators' Omnibus Brief.</u>

Banca Arner joins in the Consolidated Motion to Dismiss Brief (Adv. Pro. 10-03496, Docket Number 960) (the "Consolidated MTD Brief"). In opposition to Banca Arner's Joinder and Supplemental MTD, the Liquidators adopt and incorporate herein the Opposition to the Consolidated Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to Amend and Motion to Dismiss (the "Liquidators' Omnibus Brief"), filed in Adversary Proceeding No. 10-03496, on March 13, 2017 [Dkt. No. 1336].

II. This Court Has Personal Jurisdiction Over Banca Arner.

Banca Arner argues that the Court lacks jurisdiction over it for the reasons set forth in the Consolidated MTD Brief. For the reasons detailed in the Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Banca Arner. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § I.

As detailed in the Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at the pleading stage, a plaintiff "need only make a prima facie showing of personal jurisdiction over the defendant." *Motors Liquidation Co. Avoidance Action Tr. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (In re Motors Liquidation Co.)*, No. 09-50026 (MG), 2017 WL 632126, at * 7 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 16, 2017) (Glenn, J.). While the Court may consider materials outside the pleadings, it must credit the plaintiffs'

jurisdictional allegations, construe all pleadings and affidavits in the light most favorable to the plaintiffs and resolve all doubts in its favor. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § I.A.

A. Banca Arner Expressly Consented to Jurisdiction in the Forum Clause.

Banca Arner has consented to this Court's jurisdiction by agreeing in the Subscription Agreements to litigate in this Court. Ample precedent confirms that a valid and applicable forum selection clause conclusively affords the court personal jurisdiction over defendants bound by it. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § I.A. The Proposed Amended Complaint against Banca Arner reflects that the Subscription Agreements contained the Forum Clause. *Id.* The Subscription Agreements are binding on the registered shareholders and the beneficial shareholders (such as Banca Arner) for whom they placed investments and applies to this action. *See id.* Accordingly, the Court has jurisdiction over Banca Arner.

B. The Court Also May Exercise Jurisdiction Based on Banca Arner's Contacts.

Beyond the Forum Clause, the allegations in the Proposed Amended Complaint are sufficient to confer jurisdiction over Banca Arner based on its contacts with the forum. The facts alleged show: (i) Banca Arner has "the requisite minimum contacts with the United States at large," (ii) the Liquidators' claims "arise out of or relate to" those contacts, and (iii) the exercise of jurisdiction would not "offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice." *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § I.B.

Specifically, with respect to minimum contacts, the allegation that Banca Arner decided to invest in the Funds "knowing and intending that the Funds would invest substantially all of that money in New York-based BLMIS" is enough to establish that Banca Arner has minimum contacts necessary to support specific jurisdiction. *See id.* Moreover, Banca Arner's purposeful

use of U.S. correspondent banks to effectuate the investments and redemption payments at issue here, similarly provides enough minimum contacts to support jurisdiction. *Id.*³

III. Banca Arner Was Properly Served.

As detailed in the Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, Banca Arner, a Swiss Moving Defendant, expressly consented to service by mail in the Forum Clause of the Subscription Agreements. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § VI.A.1. Many cases hold that, in contracts like these, parties may consent to forms of service not authorized in the rules, or even waive service entirely. *See id.* The Forum Clause applies to this dispute and binds registered shareholders and their beneficial shareholders. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at §§ I.A.1, VI.B.

The Liquidators fully complied with the Forum Clause by serving Banca Arner by mail. The Subscription Agreement provided the specific form of mail service used by the Liquidators: "Subscriber consents to the service of process out of any New York court in any such Proceeding, by the mailing of copies thereof, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Subscriber at the address of Subscriber then appearing on the Fund's records." Id. (emphasis added). Even if Swiss law prohibits mail service, as Banca Arner argues (see Banca Arner's Joinder and Supplemental MTD, at 3-4), service by mail remains effective for purposes of federal law. See Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § VI.B. Swiss law does not govern the legal effect of the Subscription Agreements in U.S. courts and Banca Arner cites to no case to support the view that Swiss law can change the law of service in this Court. See id. Thus, the Liquidators' service on Banca Arner by International Registered Mail (see Aff.

Banca Arner's argument that the allegations regarding the use of a United States correspondent bank are contradicted by the Exhibits to the Complaint is unavailing. Those Exhibits do not preclude the use of a U.S. correspondent bank in the making of the Redemption Payments. Moreover, even if Banca Arner was correct, its purposeful investment in the Funds knowing and intending that all or most of the funds would be invested in New York is sufficient to confer jurisdiction over Banca Arner. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § I.A.1.

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of Service [Adv. Pro. 10-03635 Dkt. Nos. 54, 78, 91; Adv. Pro. 10-03636, Dkt. Nos. 54, 79 80, 92]), was effective.⁴

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Liquidators respectfully request that Banca Arner's Joinder and Supplemental MTD be denied and the Liquidators' Motion to Amend be granted.

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As discussed further in the Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, in the event this Court determines that service on any Defendant was ineffective, the Liquidators should be provided with the opportunity to re-serve such parties via whatever means are ruled effective as to such Defendant. *See* Liquidators' Omnibus Brief, at § VI.B.